

SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 54

(As amended, March 8, 2005)

A bill to amend 1979 PA 53, entitled

"An act to prohibit access to computers, computer systems, and computer networks for certain fraudulent purposes; to prohibit intentional and unauthorized access, alteration, damage, and destruction of computers, computer systems, computer networks, computer software programs, and data; to prohibit the sending of certain electronic messages; and to prescribe penalties,"

by amending section 7 (MCL 752.797), as amended by 2000 PA 180, and by adding section 5b.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1        SEC. 5B. (1) A PERSON SHALL NOT <<

2                                >> DO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

3        (A) <<INTENTIONALLY AND WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION>> INSTALL  
4        OR ATTEMPT TO INSTALL SPYWARE INTO A COMPUTER,

5        COMPUTER PROGRAM, COMPUTER SYSTEM, OR COMPUTER NETWORK BELONGING TO  
6        ANOTHER PERSON.

7        (B) <<INTENTIONALLY AND WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION>> USE OR ATTEMPT  
8        TO USE SPYWARE THAT HAS BEEN INSTALLED INTO

9        A COMPUTER, COMPUTER PROGRAM, COMPUTER SYSTEM, OR COMPUTER NETWORK

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1 BELONGING TO ANOTHER PERSON.

2 (C) MANUFACTURE, SELL, OR POSSESS SPYWARE WITH THE INTENT THAT  
3 IT BE USED TO VIOLATE THIS ACT.

4 (2) THIS SECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT THE PERSON FROM BEING  
5 CHARGED WITH, CONVICTED OF, OR SENTENCED FOR ANY OTHER VIOLATION OF  
6 LAW ARISING OUT OF THE VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION.

7 (3) AS USED IN THIS SECTION:

8 (A) "AUTHORIZED USER" MEANS THE OWNER OF A COMPUTER, COMPUTER  
9 PROGRAM, COMPUTER SYSTEM, OR COMPUTER NETWORK OR A PERSON  
10 AUTHORIZED BY THE OWNER OR THE LESSEE TO USE THE COMPUTER, COMPUTER  
11 PROGRAM, COMPUTER SYSTEM, OR COMPUTER NETWORK.

12 (B) "COOKIE" MEANS A NONEXECUTABLE TEXT OR DATA FILE THAT IS  
13 USED BY, OR PLACED ON, THE COMPUTER, COMPUTER PROGRAM, COMPUTER  
14 SYSTEM, OR COMPUTER NETWORK, BY AN INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER,  
15 INTERACTIVE COMPUTER SERVICE, OR INTERNET WEBSITE, TO RETURN  
16 INFORMATION TO THAT PROVIDER, SERVICE, OR WEBSITE, OR TO ANY DEVICE  
17 SUCH AS A WEB BEACON TO FACILITATE THE USE OF THE COMPUTER,  
18 COMPUTER PROGRAM, COMPUTER SYSTEM, OR COMPUTER NETWORK BY AN  
19 AUTHORIZED USER.

20 (C) "DECEPTIVELY" MEANS TO KNOWINGLY DO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING  
21 WITH THE INTENT TO DECEIVE OR WHEN UNRELATED TO AN AUTHORIZED USE:

22 (i) MAKE A MATERIALLY FALSE STATEMENT OR PRETENSE.

23 (ii) OMIT MATERIAL INFORMATION REGARDING A USE OR CONCEAL THE  
24 EXISTENCE OR PURPOSE FROM AN AUTHORIZED USER.

25 (D) "INSTALL" MEANS TO ATTACH OR INSERT COMPUTER INSTRUCTIONS  
26 OR A COMPUTER PROGRAM.

<<(E) "INTERNET" MEANS THAT TERM AS DEFINED IN 47 USC 230.>>

<<(F)>> EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (4), "SPYWARE" MEANS

1 COMPUTER INSTRUCTIONS OR A COMPUTER PROGRAM THAT DECEPTIVELY  
2 MONITORS, COLLECTS, COPIES, OR TRANSFERS COPIES OF OR IS  
3 DECEPTIVELY INSTALLED TO MONITOR, COLLECT, COPY, OR TRANSFER COPIES  
4 OF, DATA OR INFORMATION FROM OR INFORMATION REGARDING THE USE OF A  
5 COMPUTER, COMPUTER PROGRAM, COMPUTER SYSTEM, OR COMPUTER NETWORK,  
6 INCLUDING ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

7 (i) KEYSTROKES MADE BY AN AUTHORIZED USER.

8 (ii) WEBSITES VISITED BY AN AUTHORIZED USER, OTHER THAN  
9 WEBSITES OF THE PROVIDER OF THE SOFTWARE OR THE ORIGINATING WEBSITE  
10 LOCATION OR UNIFORM RESOURCE LOCATOR AUTOMATICALLY SENT TO THE  
11 DESTINATION WEBSITE WHEN AN AUTHORIZED USER CHANGES WEBSITES.

12 (iii) OTHER DATA OR INFORMATION CONTAINED ON THE COMPUTER,  
13 COMPUTER SYSTEM, OR COMPUTER NETWORK, SUCH AS PERSONALLY  
14 IDENTIFIABLE FILES ON A HARD DRIVE.

15 (4) SPYWARE DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

16 (A) CONDUCT BY A PERSON ACTING PURSUANT TO A VALID LEGAL  
17 PROCESS WITHIN THE SCOPE OF HIS OR HER LEGAL AUTHORITY.

18 (B) A COOKIE.

19 (C) ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

20 (i) MONITORING OF, OR INTERACTION WITH, AN AUTHORIZED USER'S  
21 INTERNET OR OTHER NETWORK OR CONNECTION SERVICE, OR COMPUTER BY A  
22 TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER, CABLE OPERATOR, COMPUTER HARDWARE OR  
23 SOFTWARE PROVIDER, PROVIDER OF INFORMATION SERVICE, OR INTERACTIVE  
24 COMPUTER SERVICE.

25 (ii) FOR NETWORK OR COMPUTER SECURITY PURPOSES, DIAGNOSTICS,  
26 TECHNICAL SUPPORT, REPAIR, AUTHORIZED UPDATES OF SOFTWARE, OR  
27 SYSTEM FIRMWARE.

1           (iii) AUTHORIZED REMOTE SYSTEM MANAGEMENT.

2           (iv) DETECTION OR PREVENTION OF THE UNAUTHORIZED USE OF, OR  
3 FRAUDULENT OR OTHER ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION WITH, A  
4 NETWORK, SERVICE, OR COMPUTER SOFTWARE, INCLUDING SCANNING FOR AND  
5 REMOVING SOFTWARE WITH THE REASONABLE BELIEF THAT IT WAS INSTALLED  
6 IN VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION.

7           Sec. 7. (1) A person who violates section 4 is guilty of a  
8 crime as follows:

9           (a) If the violation involves an aggregate amount of less than  
10 \$200.00, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by  
11 imprisonment for not more than 93 days or a fine of not more than  
12 \$500.00 or 3 times the aggregate amount, whichever is greater, or  
13 both imprisonment and a fine.

14           (b) If any of the following apply, the person is guilty of a  
15 misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 1 year or  
16 a fine of not more than \$2,000.00 or 3 times the aggregate amount,  
17 whichever is greater, or both imprisonment and a fine:

18           (i) The violation involves an aggregate amount of \$200.00 or  
19 more but less than \$1,000.00.

20           (ii) The person violates this act and has a prior conviction.

21           (c) If any of the following apply, the person is guilty of a  
22 felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than 5 years or a  
23 fine of not more than \$10,000.00 or 3 times the aggregate amount,  
24 whichever is greater, or both imprisonment and a fine:

25           (i) The violation involves an aggregate amount of \$1,000.00 or  
26 more but less than \$20,000.00.

27           (ii) The person has 2 prior convictions.

1 (d) If any of the following apply, the person is guilty of a  
2 felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than 10 years or a  
3 fine of not more than 3 times the aggregate amount, or both  
4 imprisonment and a fine:

5 (i) The violation involves an aggregate amount of \$20,000.00 or  
6 more.

7 (ii) The person has 3 or more prior convictions.

8 (2) A person who violates section 5 **OR 5B** is guilty of a crime  
9 as follows:

10 (a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), the person is  
11 guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than 5  
12 years or a fine of not more than \$10,000.00, or both.

13 (b) If the person has a prior conviction, the person is guilty  
14 of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than 10 years  
15 or a fine of not more than \$50,000.00, or both.

16 (3) A person who violates section 6 is guilty of a crime as  
17 follows:

18 (a) If the underlying crime is a misdemeanor or a felony with  
19 a maximum term of imprisonment of 1 year or less, the person is  
20 guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more  
21 than 1 year or a fine of not more than \$5,000.00, or both.

22 (b) If the underlying crime is a misdemeanor or a felony with  
23 a maximum term of imprisonment of more than 1 year but less than 2  
24 years, the person is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment  
25 for not more than 2 years or a fine of not more than \$5,000.00, or  
26 both.

27 (c) If the underlying crime is a misdemeanor or a felony with

1 a maximum term of imprisonment of 2 years or more but less than 4  
2 years, the person is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment  
3 for not more than 4 years or a fine of not more than \$5,000.00, or  
4 both.

5 (d) If the underlying crime is a felony with a maximum term of  
6 imprisonment of 4 years or more but less than 10 years, the person  
7 is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than  
8 7 years or a fine of not more than \$5,000.00, or both.

9 (e) If the underlying crime is a felony punishable by a  
10 maximum term of imprisonment of 10 years or more but less than 20  
11 years, the person is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment  
12 for not more than 10 years or a fine of not more than \$10,000.00,  
13 or both.

14 (f) If the underlying crime is a felony punishable by a  
15 maximum term of imprisonment of 20 years or more or for life, the  
16 person is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not  
17 more than 20 years or a fine of not more than \$20,000.00, or both.

18 (4) The court may order that a term of imprisonment imposed  
19 under subsection (3) be served consecutively to any term of  
20 imprisonment imposed for conviction of the underlying offense.

21 (5) If the prosecuting attorney intends to seek an enhanced  
22 sentence under section 4 or section 5 based upon the defendant  
23 having a prior conviction, the prosecuting attorney shall include  
24 on the complaint and information a statement listing that prior  
25 conviction. The existence of the defendant's prior conviction shall  
26 be determined by the court, without a jury, at sentencing. The  
27 existence of a prior conviction may be established by any evidence

1 relevant for that purpose, including, but not limited to, 1 or more  
2 of the following:

3 (a) A copy of the judgment of conviction.

4 (b) A transcript of a prior trial, plea-taking, or sentencing.

5 (c) Information contained in a presentence report.

6 (d) The defendant's statement.

7 (6) It is a rebuttable presumption in a prosecution for a  
8 violation of section 5 that the person did not have authorization  
9 from the owner, system operator, or other person who has authority  
10 from the owner or system operator to grant permission to access the  
11 computer program, computer, computer system, or computer network or  
12 has exceeded authorization unless 1 or more of the following  
13 circumstances existed at the time of access:

14 (a) Written or oral permission was granted by the owner,  
15 system operator, or other person who has authority from the owner  
16 or system operator to grant permission of the accessed computer  
17 program, computer, computer system, or computer network.

18 (b) The accessed computer program, computer, computer system,  
19 or computer network had a pre-programmed access procedure that  
20 would display a bulletin, command, or other message before access  
21 was achieved that a reasonable person would believe identified the  
22 computer program, computer, computer system, or computer network as  
23 within the public domain.

24 (c) Access was achieved without the use of a set of  
25 instructions, code, or computer program that bypasses, defrauds, or  
26 otherwise circumvents the pre-programmed access procedure for the  
27 computer program, computer, computer system, or computer network.

1           (7) The court may order a person convicted of violating this  
2 act to reimburse this state or a local unit of government of this  
3 state for expenses incurred in relation to the violation in the  
4 same manner that expenses may be ordered to be reimbursed under  
5 section 1f of chapter IX of the code of criminal procedure, 1927 PA  
6 175, MCL 769.1f.

7           (8) As used in this section, "prior conviction" means a  
8 violation or attempted violation of section 145d of the Michigan  
9 penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.145d, or this act or a  
10 substantially similar law of the United States, another state, or a  
11 political subdivision of another state.